West Bengal. However, Additional Central Assistance has not been provided for the project. Central Plan Assistance is given in the form of block loans and block grants and not tied to any specific project.

Pakistan's Response to India's no-first use Treaty

*429. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that while India has been talking of a moratorium on further N-tests, non-agression pact and a no-first use treaty, Pakistan, according to a US-intelligence assessment, is as good as ready to be first to use N-weapons in case of a war; and

(b) if so, whether talks with Pakistan bilateral or multilateral, have taken place on these and other related issues and what is Pakistan's response on these issues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) On 27th May 1998, Government reiterated its offer to discuss a "no-first-use" agreement with Pakistan as also with other countries bilaterally, or in a multilateral forum. Pakistan has reacted negatively to our proposal. The Prime Ministers of India and Pakistan are scheduled to meet at Colombo later this month during the SAARC Summit, when all issues of mutual concern could be discussed.

Parliamentary Delegation to Foreign Countries

*430. SARDAR GURCHARAN SINGH TOHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to send a delegation of Members of Parliament belonging to all political parties to foreign countries to apprise the world community of India's point of view in view of post-nuclear tests scenario; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) Government is actively pursuing a continuous dialogue with key interlocutors as part of our efforts to promote understanding of our concerns and discuss measures announced after the tests. As and when required, Government may consider various proposals in this regard, including the possibility of sending all-party parliamentary delegations.

Setting up of agro-processing industry

*431. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to setup agro-processing industry in every State;

(b) if so, the number of agro-processing units proposed to be setup in Orissa in the Ninth Five Year Plan; and

(c) the number of such units setup in the country, State-wise, and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) No, Sir. Ministry of Food Processing Industries do not set up any food processing units directly in any State. However, under the Plan Schemes of the Ministry of Food Processing Industries, financial assistance in the form of very soft loan and grant is provided to cooperatives, non-governmental organisations, public sector undertakings, private sector industries, research and development and human resources development institutions etc. for development of processed food sectors anywhere in the country.

(b) The schemes being operated by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries are project specific and not State specific. Provision of financial assistance for any

proposal emanating from any implementing agency would depend, inter alia on the technical feasibility and economic viability of the project, the size of the project, the track record of the Implementing Agencies and the availability of funds. Financial assistance for setting up three Food Processing & Training Centres in Orissa has been extended during 1997-98. During 1998-99, financial assistance for setting up a unit to manufacture pulp, concentrates and pastes of mango, tamarind, tomato and pineapple at Kantabada in District Khurda has been provided to M/s. Aaren Foods Private Limited, Bhubaneswar. Following three proposals for establishing a pork proeessing project at Balasore District, for setting up a cold storage for potato and seed potato, tamarind, apples and oranges at Puri and for setting up a cashewnut processing unit at Dhankanal have been received. In addition, 43 new proposals for setting up Food Processing & Training Centres at Orissa have been received and these are at various stages of analysis.

(c) Food Processing Industries are both in the organised small scale and cottage sectors and information relating to the number of such units Statewise is not centrally maintained.

According to the Annual Survey of Industries 1994-95 published by the Central Statistical Organisation (Department of Statistics), there were 29407 factories as a whole in the various sectors of food processing. Statewise number of factories is shown at Statement-I (*See* below) ASI covers all factories registered under Section 2m(i) and 2m(ii) of the Factories Act, 1948, employing 10 or more workers and using power and those employing 20 or more workers but not using power on any day of the preceeding 12 months.

Food Processing Industries specifically relating to Fruit & Vegetables Sector are required to take a licence from the Ministry of Food Processing Industries under the Fruit Products Order (FPO) promulgated under the Essential Commodities Act. There are 4932 Fruit and Vegetable Processing Units which have been licensed under FPO upto January, 1998. Their Statewise details are at Statement-II. (*See* below)

Statement-I

State-wise Number of Food Processing units in the Factory Sector as per Annual survey of Industries (1994-95)

S.No.	Name of the State	No. of Factories
1.	Andhra Pradesh	10180
2.	Assam	734
3.	Bihar	433
4.	Goa	34
5.	Gujarat	1270
6.	Haryana	600
7.	Himachal Pradesh	46
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	69
9.	Karnataka	1221
10.	Kerala	1170
11.	Madhya Pradesh	1302
12.	Maharashtra	2420
13.	Manipur	9
14.	Meghalaya	3
15.	Nagaland	5

S.No.	Name of the State	No. of Factories
16.	Orissa	425
17.	Punjab	1196
18.	Rajasthan	515
19.	Tamil Nadu	3792
20.	Tripura	22
21.	Uttar Pradesh	2652
22.	West Bengal	1089
23.	Chandigarh	36
24.	Daman & Diu	5
25.	Delhi	125
26.	Pondichery	42
27.	Others	9
	TOTAL	29407

Statement-II

State-wise division of Fruits & Vegetable units licensed under the Fruit Products Order 1955 on 1.1.1998.

1.	Andhra Pradesh	300
2.	Assam	25
3.	Bihar	58
4.	Gujarat	260
5.	Haryana	151
6.	Himachal Pradesh	90
7.	Jammu & Kashmir	83
8.	Karnataka	253
9.	Kerala	387
10.	Madhya Pradesh	104
11.	Maharashtra	934
12.	Meghalaya	14
13.	Manipur	9
14.	Nagaland	5
15.	Orissa	43
16.	Punjab	309
17.	Rajasthan	110
18.	Sikkim	3
19.	Tamil Nadu	452
20.	Tripura	4
21.	Uttar Pradesh	494
22.	West Bengal	298
23.	Andaman & Nicobar	3
24.	Arunachal Pradesh	3
25.	Chandigarh	54

26.	Dadar & Nagar Haveli	7
27.	Delhi	302
28.	Goa Daman & Diu	160
29.	Mizoram	3
30.	Pondichery	14
	TOTAL	4932

दुग्ध-उत्पादन के लिए अवसंरचना का उपलब्ध न होना

*432. **श्री अनन्तराव देवशंकर दवे:** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या आधारभूत ढांचे के उपलब्ध न होने के कारण देश में राज्यों की दुग्ध योजनाएं तथा राष्ट्रीय डेयरी निगम की कई परियोजनाएं लंबित है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार ने इस संबंध में क्या कदम उठाए हैं;

(ग) क्या कुछ राज्यों में राष्ट्रीय डेयरी परियोजनाएं स्थापित करने के लिए स्थान का अभिनिर्धारण कर लिया गया है;

(घ) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने इन परियोजनाओं को अनुमोदित कर दिया है; और

(ङ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण है?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सोम पाल): (क) जी, नहीं। देश में एक प्रमुख डेयरी प्रसंस्करण बुनियादी ढांचा तैयार कर लिया गया है। अकेले सहकारिता क्षेत्र में, प्रतिदिन 265 लाख लीटर दुग्ध प्रसंस्करण क्षमता तथा प्रतिदिन 990 टन सुखाने की क्षमता का सृजन कर लिया गया है।

(ख) उक्त (क) के उत्तर को देखते हुए प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(ग) से (ङ) सरकार ने गैर-ऑपरेशन फ्लड, पहाड़ी तथा पिछड़े क्षेत्रों में क्रियान्वयन के लिए 35 डेयरी परियोजनाएं स्वीकृत की हैं।

Smuggling of Uranium From Jaduguda Mines

*433. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY:
SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in the Hindustan Times dt. 18.6.98 under the caption "An explosive nexus revealed,"; "Arrested Smugglers name big players";

(b) whether Government have conducted any enquiry to find out since when the Uranium is being smuggled out of Jaduguda Mines of the Uranium Corporation of India and also the involvement of officers and employees of UCI; and

(c) whether Government have taken any measures to tighten security in mines to prevent smuggling in future; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) It has come to the notice of the Government that reports have appeared in a section of the press on the alleged smuggling/illegal trafficking in uranium produced by the Uranium Corporation of India Ltd., (UCIL), a public sector undertaking of the Department of Atomic Energy and arrest of some persons with the material allegedly containing uranium.

(b) On an analysis it was found that the material seized by the West Bengal police did not contain any uranium or its